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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/19/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,5-19,23-37,41-54 and 57-62.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

1. Claims 1, 5-19, 23-37, 41-54 and 57-62 are allowed over prior art.
2. This action is in reply to applicant's correspondence of 19 September 2007.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable claimed subject matter.
4. As per claims 1, 19 and 37 generally, prior art of record, Evans et al, U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2002/0171546 A1, fails to teach alone, or in combination, other than via hindsight, at the time of the invention, the features as discussed and remarked upon in the response of 19 September 2007 to office action of 6/25/2007.

Specifically, (as per claim 1, for example) prior art dealing with password reset products used in various networked COTS environments, is generally known to exist per se, (i.e., COTS solutions for point-of-sales distributed network systems insofar as support of help desk operations is concerned: Bielawski, et al, 'Engineering Application Using COTS Components: An In-House Development Alternative', Noblis Technology Summaries, Summer 2003 Edition, entire document, http://www.noblis.org/Publications/SigmaSummer2003_4.pdf). Nowhere in the prior art is found collectively the *italicized* claim elements (i.e., the specific configuration aspects of where and when in the network the redirection from a first (and distinct) to a second (subsequent) network server used for the password reset tool implementation, versus the authentication/verification of the user as part of the reset tool provision/password reset functionality), *at the time of the invention*; serving to patently distinguish the invention from said prior art;

- “1. A method of *resetting a password for a network service account*, the method comprising:
- accepting *entry of a password at a first server* from *an electronic device*
- wherein *the electronic device is remote from the first server*;
- comparing
- the entered password with
- a known password;
- after comparing the entered password with the known password,
- redirecting a user of the electronic device from*
- the first server to*
- a second server providing a password reset tool*
- if*
- the entered password*
- does not match*
- the known password,*
- wherein the user of the electronic device is*
- blocked from network access*
- other than the password reset tool*
- while being redirected to the second server,*
- wherein the second server*
- is separate from the first server;*
- after redirecting the user of the electronic device to*
- the second server providing the password reset tool,*

accepting user entry of
verification information at the second server;
comparing
the verification information from the user with
known verification information for the user;
accepting user entry of a new password if
the verification information accepted from the user matches
the known verification information for the user; and
storing the new password as
the known password for the user.”

5. Dependent claims 5-18, 23-36, 41-54 and 57-62 are allowable by virtue of their dependencies.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from examiner should be directed to Ronald Baum, whose telephone number is (571) 272-3861, and whose unofficial Fax number is (571) 273-3861 and unofficial email is Ronald.baum@uspto.gov. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nasser Moazzami, can be reached at (571) 272-4195. The Fax number for the organization where this application is assigned is **571-273-8300**.

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